



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6323***

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS )

***AN ACT PERMITTING "FIFTY-FIFTY" COUPON GAMES AT CERTAIN ORGANIZATION FUNCTIONS AND ATHLETIC EVENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the  
2       provisions of subsection (c) of section 7-185a of the general statutes,  
3       any sponsoring organization qualified to conduct a bazaar or raffle  
4       pursuant to section 7-172 of the general statutes may apply for a "fifty-  
5       fifty" special event permit to operate "fifty-fifty" coupon games at  
6       organization functions and athletic events and may award cash prizes  
7       of fifty per cent of the "fifty-fifty" coupon game sales for each coupon  
8       drawing conducted pursuant to such permit. Such permit may be  
9       obtained from the Division of Special Revenue by applying on a form  
10      prescribed by the executive director accompanied by a fee of fifty  
11      dollars, of which twenty-five dollars shall be retained by the state and  
12      twenty-five dollars shall be remitted to the municipality. Such permit  
13      shall be valid for a period not to exceed one year.
- 14      (b) Not more than three scheduled drawings may be held on any  
15      day on which an organization function or athletic event is held. Each  
16      "fifty-fifty" coupon game shall be subject to regulation by the executive

17 director of the Division of Special Revenue and shall allow for the sale  
18 of "fifty-fifty" coupons at a predetermined uniform price. Each "fifty-  
19 fifty" coupon shall be consecutively numbered and shall have a  
20 correspondingly numbered stub. Each sponsoring organization shall  
21 (1) provide different colored coupons for each drawing and shall  
22 award one prize for each drawing held, and (2) conspicuously post, at  
23 each organization function or athletic event at which such games are  
24 conducted, a notice or notices which shall include the dates, times and  
25 places of any "fifty-fifty" coupon drawings, as well as the prices and  
26 colors of coupons to be sold for each drawing. The executive director  
27 shall prescribe the form of such notice which shall contain the  
28 following statement: "Holders of coupons must be present to claim a  
29 prize." Each such organization shall account for each coupon printed  
30 and sold for each drawing and shall announce the amount of sales and  
31 the prize to be awarded immediately prior to each drawing. The  
32 sponsoring organization shall preserve all sold and unsold coupons or  
33 stubs for a period of at least one year from the date of the verified  
34 statement required pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

35 (c) Any sponsoring organization that conducts a "fifty-fifty" coupon  
36 game pursuant to this section, and any of such organization's members  
37 who were in charge of such a game, shall furnish to the chief of police  
38 of the municipality or to the first selectman, as the case may be, a  
39 verified statement, prescribed by the executive director of the Division  
40 of Special Revenue, in duplicate, showing (1) the total number of  
41 coupons purchased and sold for each "fifty-fifty" coupon game  
42 drawing, (2) the total number and amount of prizes awarded and the  
43 names and addresses of the persons to whom the prizes were  
44 awarded, and (3) any other information that the executive director  
45 may reasonably require. Such report shall be certified, under penalty  
46 of false statement, by the three persons designated in the permit  
47 application pursuant to section 7-173 of the general statutes. Such  
48 report shall be furnished during the next succeeding month following  
49 each month that such a game was conducted. The chief of police or  
50 first selectman, as the case may be, shall forward the original copy of

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**PD**      *Joint Favorable*